

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st*

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

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FEAST OF HOLY UNMERCENARIES, COSMAS & DAMIAN

*PASSING INTO ETERNAL LIFE OF METROPOLITAN ANDREI SHEPTYTSKY, 1944*

*PASSING INTO ETERNAL LIFE (1947) OF BLESSED THEODORE ROMZHA, MARTYR, BISHOP OF MUKACHEVO*

**TONE 5**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8, 2009

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 5:00 PM GREAT VESPERS FOR SUNDAY (*PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE*)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 9:30 AM LITURGY – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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*Remember in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Bohdanchik James, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.



### **Prayers For Those Serving In The Armed Forces**



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

### *Ukrainian Food Faire!*

Our Parish Festival will be next Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We still need many volunteers. Luke Miller has a sign-up sheet available – please see him after the Liturgy. If you have any Ukrainian crafts (embroidery, etc... you would like to sell, please see Luke or call him at 858-688-0708. Anyone wishing to make baked goods for the festival should speak with Lubomyra Yoldas. The Festival will run from 11:00 AM till 4:00 PM. *Great Vespers will be at 5:00 PM that Saturday rather than 6:00.*

### **Vocation from our Parish!**

Frank Avant, one of our parishioners has officially begun his diaconal formation. Today we bless his pidriassa and riassa which are outwards signs of his entry into the formation program. This is joyous news for our Parish, our Eparchy and our Church! The prayers that we say at each divine liturgy for an increase in vocations have been fruitful. May God grant Frank, his wife Susan and his children many blessings during this time of discernment, study and prayer. *God grant them many blessed years!*

## TENTATIVE PARISH MEETING

I hope to have a parish meeting on *Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*. On the agenda will be such items as: Parish Financial Report; Parish Mission Statement; Future of the Parish; Response to Patriarch Lubomyr's call for evangelization.

**Thank You!** *Susan Cook, her son Bill, her Sister and Brother-in-law Sharon and Bill Blomendale as well as Ken Thompson came to our rescue on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> when we discovered the break-in. They all helped to clean up the kitchen and the property and to give their moral support during a very difficult day. Thanks to everyone who helped in other ways as well.*

### Fr. JAMES WILL BE AWAY...

Fr. James will be away Monday - Thursday for a meeting of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Catechesis. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511, Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868, or Fr. Myron Mykyta at (323) 663-6307.

### Undying spirit of the Carpathians

Bishop and Martyr Theodore (Romzha) was born on April 14, 1911, in the village of Velykyi Bychkiv, Zakarpattia to a family of railroad workers. He finished his theological studies at the Papal Gregorian University in Rome. In 1938 he became pastor in the mountain villages of Berezevo and Nyzhnii Bystryi outside of Khust. Beginning with the fall of 1939 he taught philosophy and was spiritual director at the Uzhhorod seminary. On September 24, 1944, soon after the arrival of the Soviet Army, he was ordained to the episcopacy.

Because Bishop Theodore bravely refused to cooperate with the authorities in the liquidation of the Greek-Catholic Church and separate from the Roman Apostolic See, government organs decided to destroy him. On October 27, 1947 a military vehicle ran into the bishop's horse-carriage. When the soldiers saw that he didn't die in the accident, they beat him and his companions into unconsciousness. On November 1 of that year when Bishop Theodore was beginning to recover, he was poisoned in the Mukachiv hospital by workers cooperating with the security services. He died a martyr for the faith.

*"According to the instructions of Khrushchev, a member of the Politburo (Central Committee of the Communist Party) of Ukraine and the first secretary of the same, according to the plan developed by the Ministry of State Security in Ukraine and approved by Khrushchev, Romzha was eliminated in Mukachiv. As the head of the Greek-Catholic Church, he had actively opposed the forced uniting of Greek-Catholics to Orthodoxy."* - From a letter of Pavlo Sudoplatov, general of state security, to delegates of the 23rd Assembly of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.



### Незнищенна душа Карпат

Священномученик Теодор (Ромжа) народився 14 квітня 1911 р. у с. Великий Бичків на Закарпатті в сім'ї залізничника. Богословські студії закінчив у Папському Григоріянському Університеті в Римі. У 1938 р. став парохом у гірських селах Березів та Нижній Бистрий в околицях Хуста. З осені 1939 р. викладав філософію і був духівником Ужгородської Духовної Академії. Невдовзі після вступу радянських військ 24 вересня 1944 р. відбулася його єпископська хіротонія.

Оскільки Владика Теодор рішуче відмовився співпрацювати з владою у ліквідації Греко-Католицької Церкви і відстоював єдність із Римським Апостольським Престолом, державні органи прийняли рішення про його знищення. 27 жовтня 1947 р. військовий автомобіль наїхав на кінний екіпаж Владики. Коли солдати побачили, що Єпископ не загинув в аварії, вони до неприємності побили його і супутників. 1 листопада того ж року Кир Теодор, який почав видужувати, був отруєний у Мукачівській лікарні співробітниками держбезпеки. Загинув як мученик за віру.

*"За вказівкою члена Політбюро ЦК ВКП(б) і першого секретаря ЦК ВКП(б) України Хрущова, за планом, розробленим Міністерством Державної Безпеки УРСР і схваленим Хрущовим, у м. Мукачеві був знищений Ромжа - глава греко-католицької церкви, що чинив активний опір приєднанню греко-католиків до православ'я".* - Із листа генерала держбезпеки Павла Судоплатова до делегатів ХХІІІ з'їзду КПРС

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*[Patristic Wisdom on the Lord's Prayer Continued]*

***Thy Will be Done on Earth as It is in Heaven***

**W**e who are praying are still on earth ourselves. And since we reckon that all the inhabitants of heaven fulfill the will of God in heaven, it comes naturally to us to ask that we too on earth should succeed in fulfilling the divine will. That will come about, logically, if we do nothing outside that will. When we have perfectly accomplished it, although we are still remaining on earth we shall be like the heavenly beings and will bear equally with them the image of the heavenly Being. In the end we shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. Those who come to take our place on earth will ask that they too may become like us who are then in heaven.

In addition it is recorded that our Lord after His resurrection said to the eleven Apostles: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Mt 28:18). Jesus claimed in short to have received authority on earth equal to that which He has in heaven. The things of heaven, at the beginning, have been illuminated by the Word. And at the end of time, thanks to the authority granted to the Son of God, the things of earth will be like those of heaven which is already perfect.

So then it is clear that Christ is calling His disciples to work faithfully with Him by means of their prayers. That all earthly events may come to be transformed by the authority that Christ has received both in heaven and on earth, this ought to be our prayer.

*Origen*